



# CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM

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Sept 12-13, 2014 ■ 18 Elul, 5774 ■ Shabbos Parshas Ki Savo  
Candlelighting: 7:19P ■ Shabbos Ends 8:26P

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## ■ REFUAH SHELAIMA

### MEN

- » Yitzchok ben Klara (Mechutan to Sandy Kadish)
- » Yoseif Yitzchok ben Yehudis Chaya (Brother in Law of Yoseif Meir Rich)
- » Mattisyahu Chaim ben Ettl (HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon)

### WOMEN

- » Yenta Leah bas Shayna (Mother of Lori Jarmel)
- » Chava Fruma bas Bryna (Mother in Law of Sandy Kadish)
- » Ella bas Naomi (Cousin of Naomi Goldberg)

## ■ WHAT'S NU AT CTC

- » **Mazel Tov** to Dovid & Chava Miriam Bacharach on their recent wedding. May they merit to build a Bayis Ne'eman B'Yisroel.
- » **Mazel Tov** to Yitzy and Chaya Adelman on the birth of a boy. The community is invited tonight to a Shalom Zachor at their home, 17920 Hillcrest at 9:30 PM.
- » **Refuah Shelaima** to Yoni Ruttenberg and Sandy Kadish for their recent surgeries.
- » **Welcome** to Noach & Hadassah Klug and family to the shul, all the way from Australia!
- » **Tischadaish** to Mike & Bluma Ekshtut on their recent purchase of new home in the neighborhood.
- » **2014 High Holiday Ticket Reservations From Congregation Toras Chaim:** September 7, 2014. Dear Members, Associate Members, and Friends of Congregation Toras Chaim: As we prepare individually for the High Holidays we also prepare as a community. Bringing accounts current with the shul and reserving High Holiday tickets are a part of that communal preparation. In order to offset the challenging financial landscape that affects us all, the Board has voted to keep the High Holiday ticket prices as low as possible. To be clear about the levels of commitment to Congregation Toras Chaim, it is possible to think about affiliation in three ways: **Full Member-\$1200** per family, which includes high-holiday tickets for all immediate members of the family. **Associate Member-\$360** (does not include High Holiday tickets). **Friends** Tickets for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for 5775/2014 are as follows: **Full Member Tickets** are bundled into the \$1,200 annual membership fee for all immediate members of the family. **Associate Members and Friends** pay \$250 per ticket for an individual or \$400 for the family (spouse and/or children). **Please note that the Full Member rate applies only if:** (a) the

Full Member's account of dues and pledges to the shul are paid in full by September 23, 2014, OR (b) the Full Member is on a regular payment schedule to pay off dues and pledges by December 31, 2014. If one of these conditions is not met, the Associate Member and Friend ticket rate will apply. Should you have difficulty meeting your financial obligations to Congregation Toras Chaim, special accommodations may be made for High Holiday tickets on a case by case basis. To make such accommodations, please speak with Akiva Meir Hersh, Vice President of Development for CTC, or Ben Nise, President of CTC. Akiva Meir may be contacted at 512.751.4898 or akiva.meir@hershtribe.com. Ben Nise may be reached at 972.898.4237 or benjamin.nise@gmail.com. Please be aware of the following information: Reservations will not be accepted without payment. If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Ben or Akiva Meir at the phone numbers above. Seating for Full Members in good standing, with reservations by 9/18/2014 are guaranteed. Reservations for Associate Members in good standing, Friends or reservations made after 9/18/2014 are based on space availability and are at the discretion of Rabbi Rich and Ben Nise. We are unable to split reservations between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. **Sponsorships** If you would like to help sponsor a High Holiday seat for a Member, Associate, or Friend, please contact Rabbi Rich or Akiva Meir Hersh. **Payment Options** Please click on the link to make your reservation or call Akiva Meir Hersh at (512) 751-898. Please go to <https://www.fidelipay.com/toraschaim> to pay for your reservation or you may send a check to: Congregation Toras Chaim 7119 Bremerton Ct., Dallas, TX 75252. May you be written and sealed for a happy, healthy, sweet new year! Akiva Meir Hersh, Vice President of Development; Ben Nise, President; Rabbi Yaakov Rich

- » **Purchase Your Arba Minim (Lulav & Esrog Sets) for Succos:** Congregation Toras Chaim is proud to offer the finest quality Arba Minim (Lulav & Esrog Sets) at steeply discounted prices. All qualities listed in the PDF Order Form are 100% kosher for use for all ages, including the Chinuch/Basic set. Every set is checked by a leading American poseik. Unfortunately orders cannot be accepted without full payment. Please make checks payable to Congregation Toras Chaim. **Prices:** Chinuch/Basic \$45; Standard \$60; Premium \$75; Deluxe \$90; Special Deluxe \$100; Upgrades: Deri Lulav \$15; Extra Haddasim \$10; Extra Aravos \$10. << **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014. THIS IS A HARD DEADLINE. DROP OFF COMPLETED FORMS TO RABBI YAAKOV RICH, 7119 BREMERTON CT., DALLAS, TEXAS 75252. PICKUP WILL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014, 11-1 PM AT CONGREGATION TORAS CHAIM, 7103 MUMFORD CT., DALLAS, TEXAS 75252.** >>
- » **Mommy & Me:** Please join us on Shabbos morning at the Sutkin Home, 7335 Briarnoll Dr., Dallas, TX 75252, at 9:45 AM, to relax, chat, and watch the kids play in a warm and welcoming environment! For mothers and children of all ages, including toddlers and infants. BYOS! (Bring Your Own Snacks).

## ■ AMEN! RABBI LABEL LAM

Cursed be he who does not uphold the words of this Torah, to fulfill them. And all the people said, 'Amen!' (Devarim 27:26)  
Amen is the Gematria (numerical value equivalent to...)

the name of HASHEM (26) plus the name for - Alef and Dalet and Nun and Yud 65). Therefore, greater is the one who says Amen more than the one who makes the blessing. —Baal HaTurim

Why is the one who says Amen considered greater than the one who makes the blessing that invites the Amen? How is that derived from the notion that Amen has the value of those two names of HASHEM?

It was Shabbos some twenty years ago and my closest and oldest friend had come to Monsey from Boston to be introduced to a young lady at the table of a neighbor. In the meantime, our house was crowded with twelve or more girls that had come to celebrate the marriage of a friend. All the young ladies politely chattered through the meal and I was left alone to mumble some Shabbos Zemiros and words of Torah.

In an inspired moment, my wife brought out a few cold bottles of beer between the fish and the soup. I was singing ever so quietly and hurriedly words to a Shabbos song, "Permissible thoughts and to marry off the daughters" No sooner had the words, "to marry off the daughters" escaped my mouth than a little red-headed girl held up a bottle of beer and shouted with exuberance, "AMEN!" I stopped mid-song, looked up, and mentally snapped a picture. The girls went home, and I was left waiting for my friend to return home. When he entered the door he looked woefully disappointed. "You're one closer!" I declared trying to console him. I knew I said the wrong thing. I felt bad. He had driven so far only to be disappointed.

Two months later, between Purim and Pesach I awoke on a Sunday morning with an idea percolating in my mind. I promptly shared it with my wife, "What about my friend for that little red-headed girl?!"

My wife countered with a skeptical tone, "I don't see it! He's so mellow and she's a live wire." I chimed in, "Well look at us!" It gave her cause to pause and so she recommended that I speak to the one person who knew both of them. So I called up this lady that had made many matches and when she heard what I had in mind she got excited and said, "That's a great idea!" I warned her, "That's my idea! Don't touch it!" So I called my friend right away.

He was coming back to his apartment from a meeting with the Bostoner Rebbe who had advised him to try again, even with a certain Shidduch that didn't seem to have much promise "unless, somebody tells you they've got somebody very special". When he picked up the phone I told him right away, "I have someone very special..." His ears perked up. It was the same words the Rebbe had just uttered to him.

Three months later, there we all were by the Chupa at the Marina Del Rey between the Whitestone and Throgs Neck Bridges while planes overhead streaked the sky. For years afterward, whenever we would go to Boston to visit them, my friend, would introduce me as the match-maker and all the guys would strike poses before me as if I had a warehouse back in New York. I was embarrassed because although I had tried before and since I have never been successful except this one time. It took me years to figure out who was the

real human matchmaker. It was none other than the red-headed girl with the beer and her spontaneous- "AMEN!"

This week they are making a wedding for their daughter. Similarly, my Rebbe just told me that the word Shidduch, is a combination of Shin, Dalet, and Yud, (314)- the name of HASHEM on outer part of a Mezuzah and Vuv- Chof- the numerical value of HASHEM (26). The power of answering "Amen" is a spontaneous unscripted response to a Brocho. It affirms the reality of HASHEM's mastery over and involvement in the details of our lives and it is therefore an invitation for even more Brochos! AMEN!

#### ■ PARSHA Q&A: KI SAVO

1. When did the obligation to bring bikkurim begin? 26:1 - After the Land was conquered and divided.
2. Bikkurim are from which crops? 26:2 - The seven species for which Eretz Yisrael is praised.
3. How does one designate bikkurim? 26:2 - When he sees the first fruit ripen on a tree, he binds a piece of straw around it to mark it as bikkurim.
4. Who shakes the basket containing the bikkurim? 26:4 - The kohen places his hands under the hands of the one bringing it, and they wave the basket together.
5. What does "v'anita v'amarta" mean? 26:5 - Speak loudly.
6. Which Arami "tried to destroy my father?" 26:5 - Lavan.
7. When during the year may bikkurim be brought? Until when are the special verses recited? 26:11 - Bikkurim are brought from Shavuot until Chanukah. The verses are recited only until Succot.
8. Someone declaring that he separated terumah and ma'aser says: "And I didn't forget." What didn't he forget? 26:13 - To bless G-d.
9. What were the Jewish People to do with the 12 stones on Mt. Eval? 27:2 - Build an altar.
10. Six tribes stood on Mt. Eval and six on Mt. Gerizim. Who and what were in the middle? 27:12 - Kohanim, Levi'im and the Holy Ark.
11. Who "causes the blind to go astray"? 27:18 - Any person who intentionally gives bad advice.
12. How does one "strike another secretly"? 27:24 - By slandering him.
13. Eleven curses were spoken on Mt. Eval. What is the significance of this number? 27:24 - Each curse corresponds to one of the tribes, except for the tribe of Shimon. Since Moshe didn't intend to bless the tribe of Shimon before his death, he did not want to curse them either.
14. Why are sheep called "ashterot"? 28:4 - Because they "enrich" (m'ashiro) their owners.
15. How is the manner of expressing the curses in Parshat Bechukotai more severe than in this week's parsha? 28:23 - In Bechukotai the Torah speaks in the plural, whereas in this week's Parsha the curses are mentioned in the singular.

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#### ■ WEEKLY CLASSES (see website for more detail)

- » Morning Gemara Megillah for men (M-Fr, 6-6:35A)
- » Not Quite Daf HaYomi for men (Sunday-Thursday 8-9P)
- » Chumash for men & women (Shabbos one hr before mincha)
- » Hilchos Taaruvos for men (Sunday 6:30-8:00A)
- » Marriage Made in Heaven for men (Monday 7:15-8:00P)
- » Marriage Made in Heaven for women (Tuesday 7:15-8:00P)

*All classes at 7103 Mumford Ct., except where indicated*